

"Cask of Amontillado" paragraphs

Using the "Characterization" worksheet, fill in the details for the paragraph you are writing.

CHARACTER: Montresor - How would you describe Montresor?

A. Topic sentence (what this paragraph will discuss)

Montresor is a cruel and insane person. ^{walks away from a dying man}

B. What are some key details and specific information from the text that prove this?

^{laughs at Fortunato's screams} ^{smiles at the thought of killing Fortunato} ^{How he kills Fortunato - slow death}
^{seeks out Fortunato @ Carnival}
^{strategically planned the murder} ^{sneaky/creepy foreshadowing}
^{wants revenge b/c of an insult}

C. Context for the quote 1. Who says it? 2. What's happening in the text when they say it?

Speaker: Montresor to himself
 when: at the beginning of story when he introduces HATRED.

D. Quote from the text (cited appropriately)

"I continued, as was my wont, to smile in his face, and he did not perceive that my smile now was at the thought of his immolation."

E. Analysis of the quote: How does it prove your thesis? (Commentary on quote)

^{Making Fortunato think his smile is in friendship - deceptive!}
^{Smiling at the fact/idea of killing someone and that is not the behavior of a normal person}
^{Thinking of Fortunato dead makes him happy and that is creepy and}

F. Closing sentence (wrap up the paragraph to effectively transition to the next paragraph) ^{not sane.}

Now write the paragraph below: ^{Present Tense}

^{POINT}
 → Montresor ^{is} a cruel and insane person. He ^{has} a grudge against a man named Fortunato and he cannot get over it. He thinks about killing Fortunato as revenge for insults, and he becomes obsessed with the idea of revenge. Montresor goes so far as to strategically plan the murder of Fortunato. At the beginning ^{speaker} he reveals his cruel nature by telling the reader that ^{context} his "smile now was at the thought of his immolation" (372). ^{page}
^{analysis} The fact that Montresor smiles at the idea of Fortunato's death shows just how cruel and insane he is. Normal people would not do this. When he eventually chains Fortunato and walks away from a dying man, the reader clearly sees his cruelty. Montresor is cruel and certainly not sane. ^{linked to point}